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## 1,000 Men Should Hear Evangelist Howard at Y. M. C. A. Tomorrow Afternoon!

### LEISURE HOUR REFLECTIONS FROM A QUIET CORNER.

By Dennis Thompson.

Work is the keynote to permanent success, and few successes can be attributed to persons of untrained talents, and yet, here and there may be found one, who has come up through the storms of disadvantages, and have been set upon the pedestal of fame along with the chosen few.

Nature has endowed the average individual with talent; some are fortunate enough to have received several, but whatever the gift with which you have been endowed by Nature, it may, in course of time, prove of little or no value unless backed up by hard work. Sometimes you may be able to bring out the "unsuspected" talent in yourself through hard work, and the great pity is that so many of us who have the idea of hard work, but the person who loves to work sometimes uncovers endowments in their own nature that they little dreamed of. Then, this should be one of the good excuses for hard work; we can never tell what we may be able to turn up by constantly digging. So many people are afraid of being busy, and are forever worried about being tired, when engaged at something worth while; but on the other hand, if they are doing things that are of no credit to them, they can spend a lot of time at it without a murmur. We should at all times bear in mind the importance of employing our time to the best advantage, which, if we do, we are not so apt to neglect the improvement of such talents as we may be endowed with. The person who labors to improve that which they have, cannot help but make a success of life, while those who are not training what talent they have, but are looking for more, are bound to prove a dismal failure. The great aim in life should be a steady growth in the things that make for the advancement of Christianity, the progress of the world, and the uplift of humanity, generally. When at his summum up, we find that the answer is work—hard work.

There is so much to be said about work that our minds should not be satisfied with the impression left by hard work. Then, again, there are so many times people grasp the wrong idea of how work should be done. The work that counts for success in this world is hard work, well done; a little while ago the world was praising us for hard work, but now, one gets credit for hard work well done, and this is the class of work most sought for. Oftentimes we meet with persons who have a great deal of work on hand because they have conceived in their minds the greatness of having interest in a large number of things. This is a thing that cannot be recommended from the fact that a person cannot be engaged at too many occupations and be successful. It is far better that we concentrate our powers on one thing, doing that well, than to have so much to do and not do half our work. One thing well done is more creditable to us than a dozen half done. These are things which should be looked after as we go through life, of the little things right around us; do them well and when the time is ripe, greater things may seek us. The main point is to know that we can do it a little better than someone else.

It is a matter of grave concern that as we go about from day to day to meet with so many people who stand high in the estimation of the world, who are dishonest from choice. If all parents would teach their children that to be successful, one must be greater than their work and that price cannot buy character, that they will always be rich as long as they retain it; in proportion to their strength and integrity, and weak and unhappy and a failure, no matter how much money they may have, just in proportion to the weakness of character, if they only started out with the conviction that but one real failure is possible, and that the loss of self-respect, the barter of character, either for pleasure or money; if children were taught that they cannot afford to deceive even a little bit in the quality of service, they give in working and dealing with people what a great change would come to our civilization!

Dishonesty should have no part in our lives. It is the duty of everyone to be honest. The sphere of duty is infinite and exists in every station of life; we have it not in our choice to be rich or poor, to be happy or unhappy; but, it becomes us to do the duty that everywhere surrounds us. Obedience to duty, at all costs, is the very essence of the highest civilized life. Great deeds must be worked for, hoped for and died for, now, as in the past. The old story of the conductor admonishing the new brakeman to keep his lantern by his side, instead of hanging up in one corner of a car, at the other end of the train, looms up before us each day. There are so many people of ability that are needed in the great battle of life each day, to help give counsel, and point out the smoother ways of life to those who are tottering up the rugged steps of life. But unfortunately they are absent-minded and careless like the brakeman; they keep their light hanging up in places where it is of no avail. We can never tell what will happen to us as we journey along the great pathway of life; on every side danger lurks; it is so important that we keep our light near our side in order that we may be able to signal and mobilize our forces for good. Keeping their lights under cover is one of the first things that the majority of persons who have ability and influence, glory in; this has been one of the great hindrances to human progress. "Am I my brother's keeper?" some may inquire. We are to the extent that we can advise each other for the best; and to give help in any way, and anywhere it is needed. Having ability and influence and the comforts of life, it is our duty to appreciate these by so living each day that may be examples to those around us.

Providence has not provided us with all of these comforts for our own satisfaction, but we must let our light shine, by helping those around us that are in need, not financial need always, but sometimes need of good counsel. Keep your lantern always by your side so you may be known for your good works.



Mr. J. A. Wilson, Kansas City pioneer Negro jeweler, who has a very sensible and forceful article in this issue of our paper.

### NOTICE.

The B. L. I. P. U. of A., commonly known as the Hod Carriers' Union, will be the special guests Sunday afternoon, January 16, at the Negro community meeting at Lincoln high school, at which time an address will be delivered by Mr. E. E. Rouse, cashier of the Missouri Savings bank on "Education Through the Saving Habit." Everybody invited.

### GRANT MEMORIAL.

Bishop Grant Memorial day will be celebrated under the auspices of the Ministerial Alliance of Greater Kansas City Wednesday, January 26, in Allen chapel at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A great program will be rendered. The public is invited.

### RACES O' MEN.

By ROSCOE C. JAMISON.

Black man or white man, Yellowman or Jew; Lord can races matter If men's hearts be true. Can the clay give color To the spirit's guide? God do races differ In the righteous eyes?

From one dust thou mad'st them. Climates gave them hue. Far apart their customs Changed their language, too. Isolation bound them. Shut them from the view Of the common ideals They together knew.

Yet thru all the ages Carving wood or stone. They, what'er they called thee Sought the great unknown In jungle, cave or temple, Pale, grove or church, All have sought to know thee, All have blundered much.

Now the morning cometh. Walls are breaking down. Human seas they mingle Black and white and brown. In the world's four corners, Ancient kinships meet. Ocean tradeways clamor Like a city street.

God! Jehovah! Allah! Thy high purpose prove Send upon the races Peace and joy and love. Teach them they are brothers. Teach them to be true—Black man and white man, Yellow man and Jew.

### THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE FEDERATED ALUMNI

—Will be given—

FEBRUARY 12, 1916, AT Y. M. C. A.

All members are requested to be present at the regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, Jan. 20, at 8 o'clock, at the Y. M. C. A., to complete arrangements and pay the annual assessment.

ANNA H. JONES, President. EVA M. SMITH, Secretary.

Mrs. Nickens, 808 Charlotte street, left for New Franklin, Mo., Thursday, to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Mary Brown, of that city.

### THE GOLDEN WEST.

AN INTERESTING REVIEW OF THE PEOPLE, TOWNS AND POSSIBILITIES OF THE GREAT WESTERN SECTION OF OUR COUNTRY.

The Colored Americans Making Good in the Far West and a Steady Stream of Desirable Immigration Now Pouring Into That Splendid Country With Its Wonderful Possibilities.

### Chapter 10.

To one who for the first time views Seattle, with its magnificent buildings, broad thoroughfares and beautiful parkways, will have difficulty in believing that less than 25 years ago the city was devastated by a great fire that did damage amounting to more than \$10,000,000, but with her splendid location, her vast resources and indomitable spirit, she has risen Phoenix-like from the ashes until she is the Queen City of the great Northwest. And she is destined to be one of the great cities of our country. One of the peculiar atmospheric conditions of that section is the Chinook winds, which blow in soft and highly perfumed from the Pacific ocean, and no matter how cold or how much ice and snow may be on the ground, in a few hours after these winds begin to blow they disappear like a miracle and 'tis as balmy as summer in our section.

Seattle has a climate well adapted to the Southern colored man, and there is no doubt but what the next few years we are going to witness a wonderful immigration to that section of our country.

### Seeing the City.

Early the next morning the grand secretary and myself started out on foot to see the business section of the city, and we visited the great wharves which are ultimately to be the greatest in America; saw hundreds of sailing crafts and many sea-going steamers, but strange to say nearly all were manned by Chinese and Japanese sailors, due largely, they say on the coast, to the workings of the berated and iniquitous LaFollette seaman's bill, which they alleged discriminates against the American seamen. We visited the great market house, which unquestionably is the most beautiful, most complete and busiest public market we have ever seen. A great majority of the stall

keepers were also Japanese and Chinese, with, we are pleased to say, here and there a colored man. And the wonderful bargains offered at the various stalls in the way of produce, fruit, poultry and fish made us heart-sick, as they were fully 100 per cent less than the cost on the Kansas City market. For instance, we could buy five large stalks of elegant, crisp celery for 5 cents, the same kind we pay 10 cents and 12 cents a stalk for here. Lucious naval oranges at 10 cents a peck, fresh from the grove; elegant Columbia river salmon, weighing from two to five pounds, for from 10 to 25 cents each. Clams 5 cents a quart, chickens from 25 to 35 cents each that would cost here 60 to 80 cents. The highest thing we saw in the way of food stuff was eggs, which sold from 40 to 60 cents per dozen. While strolling down the principal thoroughfare window shopping we were unceremoniously bumped into by some one in a rough manner, and as our anger arose we turned to see who had been so rough in their jostling, and behold, it was our niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shannon of Butte, Mont., who were visiting friends in the city and whom we happened to meet by the merest accident. To say that we were glad to meet them goes without a question, and after introducing them to the secretary, we all had a delightful stroll and chat. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon were looking exceedingly well and were enjoying themselves immensely, and contemplated visiting the exposition at Frisco before returning to their home. After bidding them goodbye for the afternoon we returned to our hotel for luncheon, where we found Brother Barr Williams, R. L. Tutt, Walter Bates and Shack Harris waiting for us with a big touring car and we were given a 50-mile drive over the city, where we had a chance to view the lake, the ocean, the harbors, the cascades, the snow covered mountains from a faraway distance, the harbor defenses, the beautiful park system, the state university, Chinatown, homes of the prominent and prosperous colored people of the city and many other places of interest. In the evening we were taken to one of the foremost theaters where the grand secretary had an opportunity to laugh to his heart's content over the antics of Charlie Chaplin, the comedian, and thereafter wherever we saw a movie house and the picture of Charlie Chaplin there was no peace until the grand secretary had had an opportunity to

see that particular play.

We met several former Missourians out here who were doing nicely. And yet they all hope some day to have a chance to visit the old home place again. Finally on Friday evening we decided to pack our trunks and start for the next point on our itinerary, and after calling a taxi, making the rounds to residences and business places of our various acquaintances, and tucking divers and sundry nourishments and refreshments and so forth provided by our generous hosts, we boarded the train for our next stop, the historic and beautiful city of Spokane.



Miss Lillian Tolley furnishes delicious biscuits made of the famous I-H flour to all the churches, lodge and other entertainments, free of cost.

### FIRST NEGRO 'UNCLE TOM' DEAD

Samuel Lucas of Boston Played Role in Civil War Days. New York, Jan. 10.—Samuel Lucas, a Negro who played with the famous old Boston Museum Stock company and was said to be the first man to have played Uncle Tom in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" when the novel was dramatized in Civil War days, died today at his home. He was 75 years old.

The Cadet Corps of Western university was formally mustered in by the adjutant general of the state of Kansas, last Thursday. In spite of the extremely cold weather, the battalion, headed by the university band, gave a highly creditable drill and parade, which was enjoyed by all present.

### HOME FOR NEGRO GIRLS.

It is with great interest that we are watching for the opening of the industrial home for Negro girls recently erected at Tipton.

On a recent visit to Tipton I visited the institution then nearing completion and was surprised and pleased indeed to see the splendid buildings being erected for this purpose. No pains seem to have been spared to meet every requirement. The sanitary floors and walls, the beautifully appointed baths and lavatories numbering twenty and more, the dormitories, class rooms, dining room, kitchen modernly equipped, serving pantry—all bespeak for the committee on building careful foresight and consideration for the purpose intended.

It is gratifying also to know that the board of directors have decided to install colored officers to have charge of this splendid institution; there will be a lady superintendent and her assistants, consisting of a matron, housekeeper, cook, etc., to help carry on the great work of training these girls and making them good citizens.

The position of superintendent is an important one and should fall on the shoulders of a responsible and competent woman; one who has the interest of these poor girls at heart and will do all within her power to direct their lives that they may yet become useful and respected women.

Such a woman we firmly believe would be found in the person of Mrs. Estelle Weaver of Kansas City, an applicant for the position.

Mrs. Weaver is an unusually intelligent, bright and energetic young woman, full of the right spirit and ideas to be conveyed into this work. In reply to my question as to what suggestions she would offer relative to the training given to these girls, she said emphatically, "Teach them to work—to learn to do well everything about a home; the laundering of clothes, cooking a clean, wholesome meal, serving a table, care of a kitchen, dining room and pantries, the care of a bedroom—everything pertaining to a well cared for home. I have been engaged in this work before," said Mrs. Weaver, not with what was termed incorrigible girls, but with girls who had not had any home training, and it was very interesting to watch them develop and the pride they took in the tasks set before them."

We feel that Mrs. Weaver has the right idea and strikes the keynote when she says: "Keep the girls busy learning useful things; get them interested and you have sent them a long way on the road to being useful and respected citizens."

Mrs. Weaver has our hearty support in her behalf. She is a bright, Christian little woman; the mother of several small children and recently widowed. The state would do well to secure so well equipped and efficient a worker. Not only is she splendidly equipped mentally and physically for this position, but she came from one of the most illustrious families of color in America, being a sister of Mrs. Dr. J. E. Perry and Mrs. Dr. T. A. Jones of this city, and a granddaughter of the immortal and illustrious Frederick Douglass.

### NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

The League will meet Sunday night at Second Baptist church. All business and professional people are invited to come out and get acquainted. Memorial services in honor of Dr. Washington will be held Sunday afternoon, February 13, at Central High School, Eleventh and Locust. The following persons will appear on the program: Hon. H. M. Beardsley, Prof. J. R. E. Lee, Hon. W. C. Houston. Also a musical program will be furnished by Prof. R. G. Jackson, with a chorus of 100 voices selected from the choirs of the various churches. Other features will be the Lincoln High School Glee Club, the Lincoln High School Orchestra and Prof. Reynolds of Sumner High, Kansas City, Kas.

Annual election of officers will be held next Thursday evening at Y. M. C. A., at 8 p. m. sharp. All business and professional people invited.

### A GREAT BOOK.

The new book, "My Work and Public Sentiment," by Mrs. Maria P. Williams, one of our foremost women, who resides in this city, is creating more interest and discussion than any other book published by a colored person in recent years. It contains matters of much interest, not only to the race, but to all the people of this country, and is beautifully illustrated.

Mrs. Williams has done possibly more than any of the other colored women in the West, both as an editor and orator, and upon the political platform she has proven herself an able and courageous defender of the rights of her people. As one brother said to us concerning the book, "It's a hum-dinger," and if you don't believe it is, just read it. Mrs. Williams is receiving orders from all parts of the country for this work and if you don't secure a copy and enjoy its interesting and illuminating contents, then you're not right.

### QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the Paseo C. M. E. church, 1815 Paseo, Sunday, January 16. All are invited. Come and enjoy a spiritual feast. Come early so you can get a good seat. D. J. R. Ransom of the First A. M. E. church, Kansas City Kansas will preach the sacramental sermon. J. R. McClain, pastor.

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